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Friends,

This week, [a new video surfaced showing chaos at the southern border](#). Drug smugglers are crossing the border with impunity, loading up cars with deadly narcotics, and bringing this poison into our communities. This crisis shows no signs of slowing down either.

READ: [Record: 2.7 Million Border Patrol Actions for FY 2022](#)

In September alone, there were 227,547 migrant encounters at our southern border. That's the highest September number on record. In total, there've been 2,378,944 encounters over the last year. That doesn't include got-aways. No wonder Biden's Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is dumping these abysmal numbers late on a Friday evening – they are breaking all the wrong kinds of records.

While the mainstream media didn't cover this story, we also learned that 20 known or suspected terrorists were arrested attempting to cross the border in September. That figure doesn't count how many potential terrorists evaded apprehension.

Biden's open border policies have deadly consequences. The drugs and crime crossing our border today will continue wreaking havoc on American communities for years to come. As if that weren't bad enough, hundreds of migrants have died this year due to the inhumane conditions abetted by the Biden Administration.

Where is the outcry from the Left? Where is the Border Czar who's been tasked with solving this crisis? Where are the Biden Administration's solutions?

On Monday, I sat down with the Family Research Council to discuss the latest developments on the border.



School Lockdown Policies Stunted Children's Learning

[In sad, yet unsurprising news, a new report from the *News and Observer*](#) shows that North Carolina students in the fourth and eighth grades scored worse on math and reading exams this year than before the pandemic.

School lockdowns and remote “learning” set an entire generation of children behind, and [destroyed two decades worth of gains](#) in our state’s educational attainment alone.

I will always oppose any federal efforts to promote further lockdowns or to empower those who push them.

Gender Ideology Lunacy In NC

Families in North Carolina and across the nation deserve to send their children to school without worrying about what they’re being taught. Sadly, that is often not the case. Critical Race Theory and Radical Gender Theory are now commonplace in many public schools.

Right now, radical transgender ideology is being taught in both [Wake](#) and [Mecklenburg](#) Schools. In addition, [the North Carolina](#)

[Museum of Art planned to use your tax dollars to host a drag queen story hour event.](#) This event was quietly cancelled after outcry from the community, but the Left continues pushing this ideology on our children.

Even more concerning, these topics are often taught without parents' knowledge or consent. [A recent poll](#) shows growing support in North Carolina for a parents' Bill of Rights to guard children against these insidious ideologies.

The Biden administration is even exporting drag shows for "national security reasons" to other nations. A recent report showed that U.S. tax dollars are being sent to Ecuador for drag shows from a "wokified" State Department.

[I am proud to have co-signed a letter](#) with my colleagues opposing this insanity. My office is currently drafting legislation to tackle this problem.

[I've also co-sponsored the "Stop Sexualization of Children Act of 2022"](#), which would prohibit the use of federal funds for sexually-oriented programs or literature targeted at children.

TWEET: [Dan Bishop: "Our kids deserve better."](#)

NY Supreme Court Reinstates Unvaccinated Employees

A New York judge ruled on Monday that employees terminated from the NY Department of Sanitation for not taking the Covid vaccine must be reinstated.

TWEET: [Dan Bishop: "Welcome News Out of New York."](#)

Judge Ralph J. Porzio said what many of us already knew, that the vaccination mandate was "not just about safety and public health; it was about compliance."

This decision is a step in the right direction.

Next up, the Biden Administration should reinstate the thousands of troops unjustly fired for refusing the vaccine. All employees unjustly fired for refusing the vaccine deserve to be made whole.

WATCH: [Biden: "If you get it, you're protected."](#)

All Tricks, No Treats – Biden's Halloween

Runaway federal spending drives inflation - it's something you'll learn in a basic economic class. But Biden doesn't care. His party's spending has driven the inflation we are seeing around the nation.

Democrat leaders knew their policies would cause economic destruction, but they didn't care.

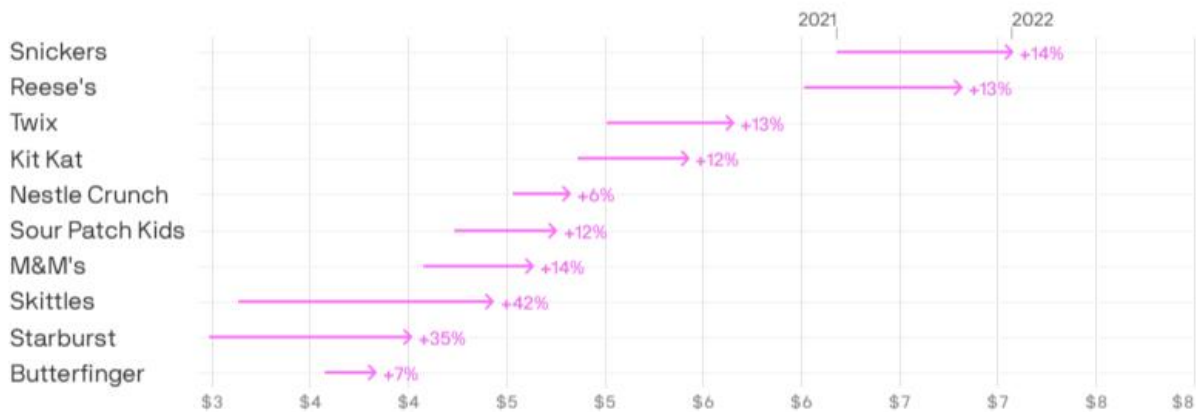
TWEET: [Dan Bishop: Joe Biden – All tricks, no treats.](#)

Halloween hasn't been spared. Candy prices are skyrocketing.



Change in Halloween candy prices

2021 to 2022; Based on U.S. average retail price



Data: Datasembly; Chart: Axios Visuals

WATCH: [Clyburn Says the Quiet Part Out Loud About Inflation](#)

RIP Stan Bingham

Jo and I were saddened to learn of former NC Senator Stan Bingham's tragic passing this week. Stan was an amazing man and faithful servant to North Carolina. Please join us in praying for the Bingham family and the entire Davidson County community as they mourn this enormous loss.

READ: [Former NC Senator Stan Bingham from Davidson County dies unexpectedly](#)



Now Hiring Interns!

My office is now hiring interns. All internships are paid and offer students the opportunity to gain valuable experience serving on Capitol Hill.

Interns will be asked to answer phones, conduct research for the Member and legislative staff, assist the communications team, attend hearings and briefings, and participate in educational opportunities.

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